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Washington, D.C. 20530

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The Honorable Jim Costa  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Costa:

Thank you for the letter to the Attorney General signed by you and your Congressional colleagues regarding your request to fully fund Fiscal Year 2008 Violence Against Women Act (VAWA) programs.

We can assure you that violence against women is an issue of high priority for the Attorney General and that he shares your commitment to keeping victims of these crimes safe and holding offenders accountable for their unlawful behavior. We are pleased to report that since 2001, the Department of Justice has awarded more than \$1 billion in grant funds to improve our Nation's response to domestic violence, sexual assault, and stalking. The Attorney General anticipates that future budgets, including for Fiscal Year 2008, will include adequate funding to maintain the important efforts underway in this area by the Department's Office on Violence Against Women and the Office of Justice Programs.

Thank you for your comments and for your interest in Department of Justice grant programs. Please do not hesitate to contact this office if we may be of assistance with this, or any other matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "William E. Moschella".

William E. Moschella  
Assistant Attorney General